Three language formula

1238. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is obligatory on the part of Government to implement a uniform three language formula in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a uniform three language formula is being implemented in all the schools throughout the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some States have approached the Union Government requesting for implementation of the three language formula;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The three language formula advocated by the National Policy on Education was approved by the Parliament. Being a policy decision, it is the responsibility for the Union Government as well as all the States/UTs to implement this formula in the school curriculum. All the schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) have already implemented it. Most of the States/UTs, too, are implementing the three language formula.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Establishment of IIT at Basar

1239. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the decision Government have already taken or proposed to take in response to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh letter dated 10th July, 2003 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister, seeking establishment of Indian Institute of Technology at Basar in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) In view of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003 that five new IITs will be set up by upgrading promising academic institutions, the Government has constituted an Expert Committee to identify such academic institutions. A number of proposals from various State Governments have been received by the Government and are under consideration of the Expert Committee. The proposal relating to setting up of an IIT in Andhra Pradesh at Basar is also under consideration of the Expert Committee. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Development of education in Madhya Pradesh

†1240. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government for development of education in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the Grants provided during the last financial year for promotion of sports, nutrition etc. in the colleges of the States; and

(c) the amount to be spent by the Centre in the Education "Head" of the State for the welfare of the educationally backward minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Environment and life science education

1241. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce environment and life science education in schools and colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the academic year from which it would be started; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.